

**REMARKS****Summary of Office Action**

Claims 1-3 and 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Birnbaum et al. (US, 5,923,821).

Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Birnbaum et al. in view of Dermer et al. (US, 5,313,570).

**Summary of the Response to the Office Action**

Claims 1-9 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 10-28 are added.

Accordingly, claims 10-28 are presently pending for consideration.

**All Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 1-3 and 6-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Birnbaum et al. Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Birnbaum et al. in view of Dermer et al. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and the Office Action's interpretation of the applied references for at least the following reasons.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-9 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) and the rejection of claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) be withdrawn.

**New claims 10-28**

Applicant has added new claims 10-28. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 10-28 define the present invention differently. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of newly added claims 10-28.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, withdrawal of all rejections, and the timely allowance of all pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.R.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

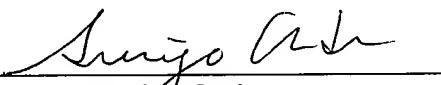
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